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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. Vietnam

We have now established that during late May and early June Hanoi infiltrated an entire division--some 5,000 men--across the Demilitarized Zone into South Vietnam's northernmost province.

This is the first North Vietnamese unit known to have infiltrated across this zone. All three regiments slipped in within a few weeks of each other, the quickest entry into South Vietnam for a unit of this size.

Hanoi may intend to use the Demilitarized Zone as an avenue for further infiltration, since it has many advantages in both security and ease of entry. Recent photography of the area just north of the zone shows that some road construction activity may be under way, possibly similar to that which has facilitated infiltration through the Laos panhandle over the last year.

2. South Vietnam

Our embassy comments that although Thien Hoa, moderate Tam Chau's temporary replacement as head of Saigon's Buddhist Institute, is considered relatively non-political, he will probably be dominated by the militant supporters of Tri Quang.

There was speculation in Saigon today that the Buddhist Institute would soon issue a policy statement reasserting Buddhist opposition to the government.

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3. Soviet Union

It is clear that the Soviets have been having trouble with their manned space program. [REDACTED]

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launch was subjected to further postponements.

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The trouble may be in the Voskhod capsule. The only long-duration test of a capsule of this type took place last February when the two dogs were orbited for 23 days. Something must have gone wrong, since the mission was terminated about a week early. The last manned Soviet space flight was in March 1965.

4. Congo

Mutinous Katangese troops in Kisan-gani (Stanleyville) were fighting government forces again today [REDACTED]

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5. Communist China

Peking

[redacted] will send a ship before the end of July to repatriate Overseas Chinese from Indonesia. This is little more than a gesture. Very few of the three million people of Chinese descent in Indonesia will choose to go to China, despite the persecution many have been suffering. The ship is apparently capable of carrying some 500 passengers.

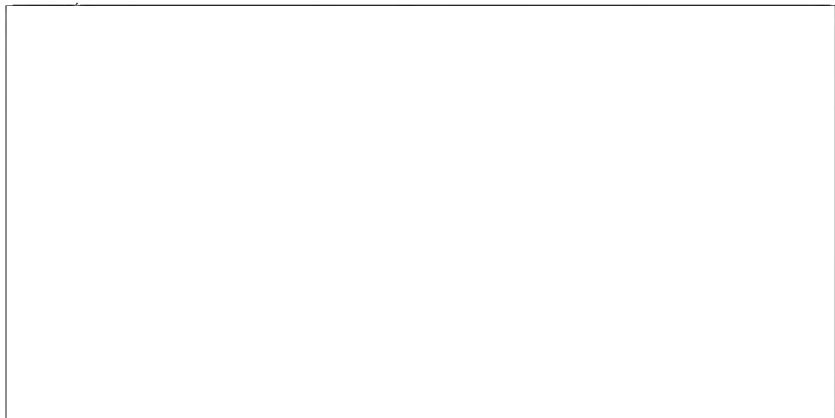
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6. Uruguay

Alberto Heber, this year's president of Uruguay's ineffective plural executive, has been taking steps that will make it possible for him to seize power unconstitutionally later this year if he chooses to do so. While there is no direct evidence that he is planning such action, his recent military appointments and promotions have strengthened his options.

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